GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:619
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
BUDGET FOR AGRICULTURE SECTOR
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether full estimated budget funds were released in the agriculture sector during the last three years;

(b) if not, the details of the amounts released against the budgeted figures;

(c) the role of financial advisors deployed in the Ministry;

(d) whether the financial advisors in the Ministry of Agriculture have not properly advised the Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to improve the financial system for the support of agriculture sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The details of Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and Actual Expenditure in respect of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Department of Food Processing Industries for the last three years are given at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of role of Financial Advisors are given at Annexure-II.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question No.619 for 26.07.2001 by Shri Bhim Dahal.

Department	Year	Budget Estimate			Revised Estimate			Actual Expenditure		
		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation	98-99	1956.00	3066.57	5022.57	1378.41	3863.93	5242.34	1358.88	3863.46	5222.34
	99-2000	1956.00	4580.85	6536.85	1492.00	4585.84	6077.84	1471.90	4579.12	6051.02
	2000-2001	1965.00	4190.97	6155.97	1692.00	4447.81	6139.81	1666.07	4441.81	6107.88
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying	98-99	381.90	144.39	526.29	210.60	188.03	398.63	170.24	186.18	356.42
	99-2000	381.90	106.89	488.79	225.00	200.88	425.88	207.30	197.81	405.11
	2000-2001	300.00	111.50	411.50	230.00	158.72	388.72	213.40	155.37	368.77
Indian Council of Agricultural Research	98-99	530.67	450.77	981.44	444.50	532.16	976.66	444.50	532.16	976.66
	99-2000	573.00	608.79	1181.79	503.50	794.38	1297.88	503.50	794.38	1297.88
	2000-2001	628.95	765.29	1394.24	549.50	760.73	1310.23	549.50	760.73	1310.23
Department of Food Processing & Industries	98-99	44.10	4.72	48.82	30.80	4.46	35.26	30.00	4.19	34.19
	99-2000	47.00	4.66	51.66	40.00	4.46	44.46	34.89	5.50	40.39
	2000-2001	50.00	5.00	55.00	50.00	15.70	65.70	50.00	14.86	64.86

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART-C OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.619 FOR 26-7-2001 BY SH BHIM DAHAL

The Internal Financial Adviser will be in overall charge of Budget and Accounts Section in addition to the Internal Finance Section. It will be his duty

(i) to ensure that the schedule for preparation of budget is adhered to by the Ministry and the Budget is drawn up according to the instructions issued by Finance Ministry from time to time;

(ii) to scrutinise budget proposals thoroughly, before sending them to Ministry of Finance;

(iii) to see that complete departmental accounts are maintained in accordance with the requirements under the General Financial Rules. It should, in particular, be ensured that the Ministry not only maintains account of expenditure against the Grants or Appropriations directly controlled by it but also obtains figures of the expenditure incurred by the subordinate offices so that the Ministry has a complete month to month picture of the entire expenditure falling within its jurisdiction;

(iv) to watch and review the progress of expenditure against sanctioned grants through maintenance of necessary Control Registers and to issue timely warnings to Controlling authorities where the progress of expenditure is not even;

(v) to ensure the proper maintenance of the Register of Liabilities and commitments as required under the G.F.Rs. to facilitate realistic preparation of budget estimates, watching of book debits and timely surrender of anticipated savings;

(vi) to screen the proposals for supplementary demands of grants;

(vii) to formulate the foreign exchange budget for the Ministry and to process individual cases for release of foreign exchange in accordance with the instructions issued by Department of Economic Affairs from time to time;

(viii) to advise the Administrative Ministry on all matters falling within the field of delegated powers. This includes all powers other than those devolving on a Ministry in its capacity as Head of Office. It has to be ensured by I.F.A. that the sanction issued by Administrative Ministry in exercise of delegated powers clearly indicates that they issue after consultation with I.F.A.;

(ix) to identify, in particular, specific savings in cases of creation of posts and to maintain a Register for this purpose;

(x) to scrutinize proposals for re-delegation of powers to subordinate authorities;

(xi) to keep himself closely associated with the formulation of schemes and important expenditure proposals from their initial stages;

(xii) to associate himself with the evaluation of progress/performance in the case of projects and other continuing schemes, and to see that the results of such evaluation studies are taken into account in the budget formulation;

(xiii) to watch the settlement of audit objections, Inspection Reports, draft audit paras., etc.;

(xiv) to ensure prompt action on Audit Reports and Appropriation Accounts, Reports of Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee and Committee on Public Undertakings;

(xv) to screen all expenditure proposals requiring to be referred to Finance Ministry for concurrence or comments; and

(xvi) to ensure regular and timely submission to Finance Ministry of quarterly staff statements and other reports and returns required by

Finance.